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26, 1978

1. FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR MISS LILLIAN  
FOR REPLY TO TOAST AT PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S DINNER, JULY 26,  
1978:

2. MR. PRESIDENT, ON BEHALF OF ALL THE PEOPLE ACCOMPANYING ME,  
I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL HOSPITALITY. DAKAR IS  
SUCH A LOVELY CITY, AND THE SENEGALESE PEOPLE ARE SO WARM AND  
FRIENDLY. WE ARE ALL DELIGHTED TO BE HERE.

3. I BRING GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER. HE TOLD ME  
HOW MUCH HE ENJOYED MEETING YOU IN WASHINGTON IN JUNE, MR.  
PRESIDENT. HE WANTS TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOU TO CONTINUE  
TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ABOUT AFRICAN AND WORLD PROBLEMS.

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4. MR. PRESIDENT, I AM VISITING THE SAHEL TO DEMON-  
STRATE THE DEEP INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE  
PRODUCTION OF FOOD. I DO NOT BELIEVE THERE IS ANY-  
THING MORE IMPORTANT TO THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF ANY  
COUNTRY THAN A PRODUCTIVE AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITY. I  
KNOW THAT THE FARMERS OF SENEGAL WORK VERY HARD TO

PRODUCE CROPS FOR BOTH FOOD AND INDUSTRY. BUT NATURE HAS NOT BEEN KIND TO SENEGAL IN RECENT YEARS. I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT YOU CAN COUNT ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HELP FIND PERMANENT SOLUTIONS TO THIS TERRIBLE DROUGHT PROBLEM.

5. MR. PRESIDENT, THE CARTER FAMILY HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH AGRICULTURE IN THE RURAL SOUTH FOR MANY GENERATIONS. IN OUR FAMILY, THE WOMEN HAVE ALWAYS WORKED ALONGSIDE THE MEN TO PRODUCE OUR CROPS. I KNOW THAT WOMEN PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE RURAL ECONOMIES OF THE SAHEL REGION. MR. PRESIDENT, I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU RECENTLY INCLUDED TWO WOMEN IN YOUR GOVERNMENT AS CABINET MINISTERS FOR THE FIRST TIME. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY ADMIRATION TO YOU FOR YOUR RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF WOMEN IN YOUR COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT.

6. FINALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, I HOPE THE NEXT TIME YOU VISIT THE UNITED STATES YOU WON'T JUST STAY WITH ALL THOSE YANKEES IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, AND THAT YOU WILL VISIT ME IN PLAINS.  
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